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May 2, 1989

Ms. Susan Swales, 5HSM-12
Superfund Program Management Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5HS-11
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: HIMCO, Inc. Dumpsite in Elkhart, Elkhart County, IN

Dear Ms. Swales:

We are replying to Mr. Niedergang's letter of April 25, 1989 with respect to the HIMCO, Inc. dumpsite in Elkhart County, IN. The time frame in question, 1960 - 1979, Cauffman Products Inc. was held by previous ownership. Cauffman has contacted the previous owners, with John W. Cauffman being the president with respect to the time frame in question and have enclosed his statement which was compiled through conversation with the two (2) former employees.

John W. Cauffman - Former President
3341 Calumet Ave.
Elkhart, IN 46514

William Curtis - Former Vice President
425 Aspin Dr.
Elkhart, IN 46514

Richard Laughman - Former Treasurer
2210 N.E. 153rd Ave.
Portland, OR 97230

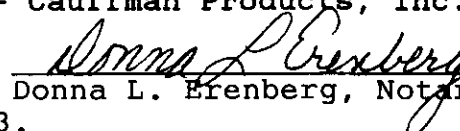
Current management has made an extensive search of the premises and have not been able to locate any documents for that time period.

If either myself or my staff can be of any additional assistance, please contact us.



Gunnar Grotness
President - Cauffman Products, Inc.

State of Indiana, County of Allen.



Donna L. Erenberg, Notary Public



My commission expires March 15, 1993.

1. John W. Cauffman, Former President.
William Curtis, Former Vice President.
Richard Laughman, Former Treasurer.
2. The officers in question No. 1, sold the Corporation to new owners in 1979. All records were left with the Corporation at that time. There were no records showing what type of materials were picked up by Himco. However, each one of the above officers stated there was never any hazardous materials picked up by Himco. These dumpsters were used exclusively for waste paper, cartons, also there may have been some plastic lunch plates, cups and some garbage.
3. To the best of our knowledge, there would be no person able to provide any more information on the matter or provide any additional documents which would provide any information.
4. Operations and processes common to any Screw Machine operation - machining of raw material into parts.
5. Steel, aluminum, brass and copper. Also, used cutting oils, mineral spirits and soap solutions.
6. Shavings generated by machining were sold back to the mill or to Scrap Dealers. This was not waste.
7. Himco, no others.
8. Answered in question number three.
9. Burned wooden skids and boxes. Dirty mineral spirits and dirty oil was used to ignite and aid in burning.

State of Indiana
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Resident Elkhart Co.
Expiration Date 7-24-90

May 1, 1989



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